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Letters to the Editor: send them in by e-mail or by pen, pencil or crayon

As our staff works on the October – December issue, Scouts Canada has put camping on hold. For many of us its been a spring and summer where "family only" oriented or solo trips have been the norm. This isn't to say there are no Scouting activities taking place. Two hiking events have been available and **remain so**, JOTT (Jamboree on The Trail), a perennial one day International Scouting event in May, has been extended to a one day hike throughout 2020 and a new event has gained wide support across Canada, the Wilderness Rendezvous 2020 Hiking Challenge. The challenge originally was to be completed between June 1st and September 1st, but organizers have extended the 25 km hike's completion date to October 31st. (see flyers for more information and adhere to Scouts Canada polices)

Tessa and I took advantage of both, as our plans for hiking the entire Bruce Trail were put on hold due to an injury I incurred in February to my left knee. We completed both and are waiting for our badges to come in the mail. A big thank you from Scouts Canada members, leaders and family members from across Canada to the volunteers of each organization. You have keep Scouting alive for many through the spring and summer in the outdoors!

As I wrote in the last Letters to the Editor "Now is the time to plan for the summer or autumn, when we can travel to the places, we dream of going, when we are shut in by cold winter days. Start your Bucket Lists for the post-pandemic era.". Tessa has been dropping notes into her bucket for next year, but one was realized this year, (the big event of our summer) a 3 day trip to Killarney Provincial Park for hiking and kayaking.

Out & About – from the Vault, is now appearing in its third issue and in the same vein we had the opportunity to bring you an article that Kevin Callan wrote over ten years ago for Scouting Life. Thank you to Kevin.

The pandemic is challenging every group. Where group sizes for face to face meetings has been extremely limiting or none at all. It's definitely a time where we should be putting the "**Out**" back in **Scouts!** Whenever possible.

Its time to dream of and make plans for outings to take place in the Future!

What are your next challenges?

Send us a list.

J Kirby McCuaig Editor-Ro Vent Mag

Out & About from the Vault

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Where's your scarf been? Killarney Provincial Park

There are a few areas of Southern Ontario that are defiantly on an outdoor enthusiast's bucket list: Algonquin, French River, Temagami and Killarney to name a few. For me, the French River or more specifically the Restoule River, a tributary of the French River, had always been an annual crew canoe trip for those of 3rd Newtonbrook. Even long after our crew no longer existed the alumni were still making the annual pilgrimage. Algonquin laid tantalizingly just north of my family's cottage in Haliburton, but without an opportunity to partake until a winter and a fall backpacking trip with Humber College. I would later return after joining my present company, 6th Willowdale, on another winter backpacking trip.

The opportunity to explore Killarney Provincial Park and the surrounding area finally came this summer. After purchasing a new vehicle, a road trip was in order, but where to? The answer somewhere I hadn't been, KILLARNEY!

The plan was to book an overnight campsite on George Lake and take part in two-day hikes on the park's trails near my campsite. After reviewing the opportunities from Ontario Parks' publication, Killarney 2015 Information Guide, I chose the Granite Trail for Sunday afternoon and the Chikanishing Trail for Monday morning.

Granite Trail:

The Granite Trail gives the hiker the opportunity over a short hike to experience a great view (see photo below) of the Killarney area. The hike starts from a parking lot directly across the road from the camp office. A couple of additional kilometres can be added to the day hike by starting from your campsite on George Lake. The trail gently climbs upwards into the woods until you reach a number of lookouts on the top of the ridge. The guide (see chart below) lists the hiking time as 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ hours, so there is plenty of time available to take in the views and for taking lots of photos. After you reach the top, take a seat, take in the view, as the world can look after itself for a while without you.

Oh, and the flag thing, a new family tradition. It started from a photo of my nephew Josh, a 3rd Newtonbrook Venturers alumnus, and two friends, taken after completing an ascent of Cascade Mountain in Alberta where they are proudly displaying a Canada Flag. **Start a new tradition in your group, take a photo with your scarf and challenge those that follow to organize great trips and add to your group's rich history.**



Chikanishing Trail:



While the Granite Trail is a typical forest trail similar to what is experienced on the Bruce Trail, the Chikanishing starts off as a forest trail and ends as a scramble up and down the shield along Georgian Bay. With few trees and more scrub, the trail markers switch back and forth from markers on trees to painted markers on the shield. More than once I resorted to doubling back to locate the next marker, so enjoy the views of the Bay, but also keep an eye on the trail markers.

The hike offers great views of the rugged coast and small off shore islands. Bring a lunch and watch the waves come in and boats pass by. Of course, a swim wouldn't be entirely out of the question.

From the Killarney 2015 Information Guide:

Trail	Distance	Time	Difficulty
Cranberry Bog Trail	4 km	2 ½ hours	Moderate
Chikanishing Trail	3 km	1 ½ hours	Moderate
Granite Ridge Trail	2 km	1 ¼ hours	Moderate
The Crack	6 km	4 hours	Difficult
Lake of the Woods Trail	3.5 km	3 hours	Moderate/Difficult

A bonus for those who collect crests, the camp office has crests for the trails available for sale.

My next trip to Killarney will have to include an overnight canoe trip in the park, but then it could also include a kayak trip along the coast, but what about Temagami, decisions, decisions.

What's on your list? Let us know. Send us your story.

"Keep the Shiny Side of the Canoe Down"



Zen of the Lost Paddle

My passion for canoeing began at the age of twelve. My father and I were at a remote fishing lodge in Algoma and spent a good part of the week trolling the main lake without much luck. The second-last day, we decided to borrow one of the lodge's beat-up aluminum canoes and portaged into a neighboring lake to try for speckled trout. We caught plenty of fish, but it was the idea of the canoe itself taking me to such a special place, a place that truly characterized remote wilderness, that I was hooked on. I've yet to look back. At the age of 46, I've never had a full-time job; and the jobs I have worked at all had something to do with paddling wilderness areas. It's a dream come true.

The canoe is still my choice for getting around out there. It's the one thing that definitely binds me irrevocably to the wilderness. I even find the motion of paddling the craft itself very methodic; the action of drifting across a calm lake or being pulled downriver is very Zen-like.

My passion may have something to do with the fact that I'm Canadian as well. Even though canoeist owe a great deal to Scottish philanthropist, John MacGregor, who popularized canoeing as a recreational sport back in 1865 across Europe and the United Sates, few would argue that the Canadian identity itself lies with the canoe. After all, if Canadian film producers ever wanted to depict the opening of Canada's wilderness, the way Hollywood characterized the winning of the Wild West, the hero wouldn't be straddling a horse, but rather crouched down in a canoe, paddling off into the sunset. The packsack, paddle and portage are as much pioneer icons as the chuckwagon, boot spur and ten-gallon hat. Maybe the closest this aspect of Canadian culture has come to be represented in film (work of Bill Mason excluded) is with the Frantic's Mr. Canoehead, a superhero who had his head inadvertently welded to his aluminum canoe by a stray lightning bolt.

To me, when I spot a car barreling down the highway with a canoe strapped to its roof, I don't necessarily see a somewhat inexpensive recreational watercraft owned by someone who can't afford a speedboat; I see a way of life.

I also like the people that paddle, and it was a couple of summer's ago I rediscovered that idea. It all happened on a cance trip with Alana, my former wife and daughter. I like to keep a relaxed pace when I cance trip, but that afternoon, Alana, our dog Bailey, and me couldn't get our dawdling daughter through the portage quickly enough. A curious black bear seemed interested in us as I was in it, and to add to the anxiety, a column of storm clouds was collecting upwind.

Our push-off from the portage was hasty. It wasn't until we were halfway around the lake, losing ground to the storm, that I discovered our spare paddle was missing. I knew exactly where I had left it-tacked into the marsh grass in the muck that sucked at our boots as we hurried into the canoe-but I wasn't going back. Alana and I had our two-year-old daughter with us, and you have a maximum of an hour-and-a-half of grace time while padding with a two-year old. We were already in too deep. Besides the storm would soon be on us, and the bear was probably licking his lips in a carefully selected ambush spot near the paddle. So I left it.

Alana questioned the decision, but I assured her I'd put out a request for the paddle on some canoe website chat forums. I remember being surprised she thought that would work.

It took me a while to post the message, but I received a response the very day the notice went up. A maintenance crew had found my paddle and handled it over to an outfitter.

After a moment of marveling at how honest, close knit, and web-addicted canoeists are, I called the outfitter. He told me he had been handing it out to clients to use as a spare paddle. I had to wait for the last group to come back before I could retrieve it.

I admit I was worried to hear my paddle was being abused by other canoeists. But then he listed the trippers who had used the paddle already: a mother on her first trip with her two teenaged daughters, environments campaigning to save a stand of old growth forest, a solo paddler trying to escape reality and a group of Scouts out on an adventure of a lifetime. That's when I saw the bigger picture. I may have lost a paddle but I had found a way to gain a wider perspective on the reasons people take a paddle in hand to canoe.

To me, the stories of why the canoeists ventured into the wilderness were more valuable than a spare paddle. In the end, I told the outfitter to keep handing out my paddle to his clients, but only if he would report back to me about the paddlers who used and why. What came of it was a major program run through the Canadian Canoe Museum's National Canoe Day Celebration where a number of paddles where handed out to paddlers and stories of trips were then gathered on their web site. So, the quest is yours to continue. Make some Scout paddles or walking sticks, hand out asking the owners to share their adventures in the wilderness. Who knows what will come of it: more people paddling, more members joining Scouts, or just enough positive energy from other wilderness lovers to remind you how special wild places and the experiences we have are so great-spare paddle or not.

By Kevin Callan

Editor's Note: This article was originally published in the **March/April 2010 edition of Scouting Life**. Through the years, Kevin has graciously contributed to several other Scouting magazines, including Rovering to Excess, the Canadian Rover Eh! and **Rover Venturer Magazine**.

Kevin is currently a regular columnist of Explore Magazine and is the author of 18 books on canoeing and the outdoors, including the Happy Camper, Up the Creek, Further Up the Creek and his latest: Once Around Algonquin - An Epic Canoe Journey.

Paddle Update: The paddle is still circulating and to the best of Kevin's knowledge it is currently somewhere in Nova Scotia.

Are there poisonous snakes in Ontario?

By: Tessa Shelvey, 6th Willowdale

Sometimes when you are walking along the trail little critters scamper (or slither) in front of you. It's so exciting when it turns out to be a snake. Most of the time they slither across the path and then freeze so it's easy to get a good look at him (or her).

There are 17 types of snakes in Ontario. Only one of these is poisonous. It's called the Eastern Massasauga Rattler. The Massasauga Rattler (Ref.1) is protected by federal and provincial legislation. Most of the threats to this snake are from loss of habitat and persecution. Its size can range from 60-100cm long. This snake is quite heavy, mostly gray and sometimes black in colour with dark blotches on their backs. They have eyes like cats. If you can see their eyes you are too close. "Careful". You are not likely to encounter this snake because they scare easily and do not want to be discovered. Their gray colouring helps them to blend in easily with their surroundings and not be seen. If you do encounter one of these beauties on the trail slowly walk away. Never try and pick up a snake. Wear hiking boots when out on the trails and loose-fitting clothing. If you have a pet make sure to keep it on the leash. Dogs are more likely to encounter a snake than humans.

If you do get bitten by a snake remain calm and try not to move too much. This will slow the circulation of venom throughout your body. Call 911 and request a transfer to the emergency department. There have only been two deaths related to snake bites in Ontario and they occurred 40 years ago. In both cases the individuals did not receive any medical attention.



In Ontario you are more likely to come across an Eastern Garter snake when you are out on the trail. They often slither across the trail when they hear you and then freeze so it's fairly easy to get a good look at one. The Eastern Garter snake is very common in Ontario. It is dark green to black in colour with three yellow stripes, one down it's back and two along the sides. It has a yellow chin and belly and can grow up to a metre long. The Eastern Garter snake can be found in a variety of places including forests, shrubland, wetlands, fields, and rocky areas. Garter snakes breed in the spring but can also breed in the fall. In some places mating frenzies involving many individuals occur near hibernation sites. Females give birth to 10-30 young in the middle of summer. The young mature in 2-3 years. The Eastern Garter snake eats a variety of foods including frogs, toads, salamanders, worms, fish and mice. Garter snakes hibernate in the winter under rocks, foundations of old buildings, and in burrows. Sometimes they hibernate in groups of 100's or 1000's.



The greatest threat to snakes is road mortality. High numbers of snakes are killed each year on Ontario roads. The status of the Eastern Garter snake has not been assessed. It currently has no protection under the Ontario fish and wildlife act.

Ontario *Nature* (*Ref.2*) is an organization whose mission is to work towards the protection of wild species and wild spaces in Ontario and provides the following suggestions to protect snakes:

- Whenever possible, avoid removing trees, fallen wood, natural debris, and shrubs or cutting tall grass, all of which provide important habitat for frogs, snakes and many other animals.
- Create or maintain rock piles, which provide habitat for snakes.
- Reduce road mortality by helping reptiles and amphibians cross the road when it is safe to do so. Animals should always be moved in the direction in which they are facing, no matter what the habitat looks like.
- Report any observations to the Ontario Reptile and Amphibian Atlas.
- Learn about the **species** that are present in your area, and be a steward for those populations.
- Be sure to comment on any **proposed developments** that might affect those populations, since developers, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (OMNRF) biologists and project consultants often are not aware of many of the species present in proposed development areas.
- Discourage activities in your community that are detrimental to reptile and amphibian populations, such as wetland destruction, excessive use of pesticides and off-trail ATV use.
- Be aware of legal protections for reptiles and amphibians.



So next time you are out on a trail somewhere slow it down a bit and maybe you'll be lucky and see a Northern Watersnake (photo above) slither by like I did on the Granger Greenway Trail in Kleinburg in September.

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Out & About

Number 62

A Tale of Two Rivers: The Grand and Irondale Rivers

Every year when I attend the Outdoors Adventure & Travel Show, I hope to see Kevin Callan's presentation and talk to him afterwards when he does his meet and greet. Don't be shy, Kevin is extremely personable. A few year's back Steve Bone and I were attending the show and I was deeply involved in searching the program to see when Kevin was presenting, when I said to Steve without looking up, I don't see Kevin on the program today. Then I heard a voice saying "I won't even go to one of his shows" and it was Kevin standing next to me. The problem with speaking to Kevin for anyone is always the question he asks you. "Where did you canoe last year?". I'm always embarrassed when a don't have a good response.

This year I've returned to two rivers that I've canoed before as day trips. The Grand River, a river, which flows through many of southwestern Ontario's cities, including: Guelph, Kitchener, Waterloo and Cambridge, and then eventually into Lake Erie and the Irondale River which begins in Haliburton County and flows into the Burnt River north of Kinmount, Ontario.

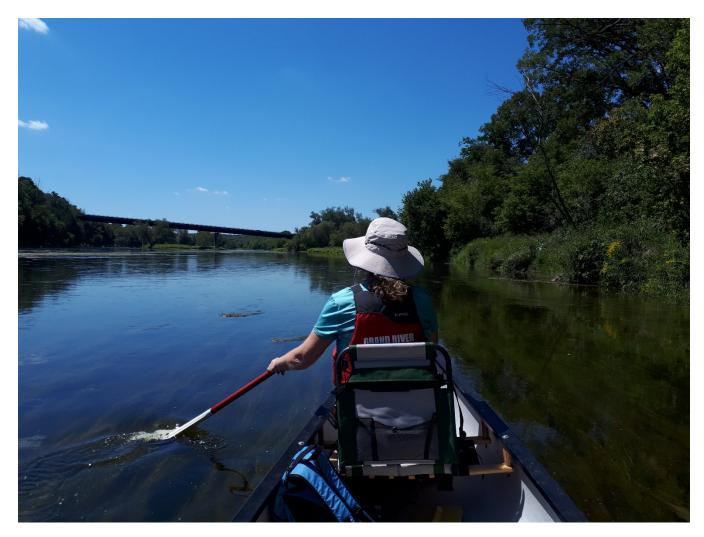


With my family's cottage near Gooderham, Ontario, I had driven along the 503 which parallels the river all of my life, but it wasn't until I saw it highlighted on an Ontario map as one of the best rivers to canoe in southern Ontario, that I gathered together several of my Rover Crew to try it. It would later become a staple for my family and Venturer Company. The name comes from the mining of iron along the river banks 100 plus years ago. One of its attractions are the remains of bridges for the old railway. It's a narrow river with many twists and turns, and a few waterfalls along the way. A map of the portages is mandatory to canoe this river as the waterfalls are as high as 15 feet.

(Irondale River, upstream from Gooderham, Ontario)

This year we did the short trip from the dump road into the village of Gooderham. We normally start from the singlelane bridge in the hamlet of Irondale and travel drown river to Furnace Falls, (the falls is more a series and rapids then a large falls), but be sure to take out before the falls. The section of the river between Gooderham and Irondale contains 10 portages including several Class II rapids. No rapids or waterfalls between the dump road and Gooderham, but plenty of lift overs as many trees fall in the river from the banks. The section between Furnace Falls and Kinmount contains two portages, Jacob's Ladder and Three Brothers Falls (portages required).

Tessa and I returned to the Grand again this year. This time to try the section above Paris. We rented a canoe from the same outfitter, but as in all things, Covid-19 did change the company's policies and procedures. The buses where smaller, we had to keep 6 feet apart, wear masks, use hand sanitizer, and wear our masks until we were out on the river. Small price to pay to keep their staff and other guests safe and still spend a few hours out on the water.



(Grand River above Paris, Ontario)

We weren't alone, but I don't mean just other canoeists, many others were paddling or enjoying drifting down the river in all sorts of watercraft: including kayaks, individual and group rafts.

Having canoed down river from Paris last year, and down river to Paris this year, I preferred, down river from as I felt most of my time in the stern was spent guiding us around the many rocks above and immediately below the surface this year.

While neither of these are overnight trips, they do get you out on the water. Enable you to practice your skills and gain experience in organizing a trip. Most of my overnight trips have been spent in the lakes within the Frost Centre (or the Leslie M. Frost Centre), North of Minden, Ontario. The Area which was once a training centre for Forest Rangers, is now managed by Haliburton Highland Water Trails.

The leaves are changing and that only means the water will begin to freeze over all too soon for canoeists and kayakers, but then not longer after that we will be bringing out the maps and scouring the web to book sites for next year's trips.

While Tessa enjoyed the Grand more, I on the other hand love my trips on the Irondale. Each time I go, I'm reminded of the trips with my past Venturer Company and Rover Crew, 3rd Newtonbrook and trips with my family.

Remember to:

"Keep the Shiny Side of the Canoe Down"

John Kirby McCuaig 6th Willowdale Rover Scouts

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Cranberry Bog Trail, Killarney Provincial Park, Ontario



It was both Tessa's and my second trip to Killarney though for us it was the first trip together. I had previously hiked the Granite Ridge (2.3 km) and Chikanishing (2.7 km) Trails back in 2015. I had just purchased my 2015 RAV4 and needed to take a trip somewhere, I hadn't been and Killarney fit the bill. Killarney was and is the fabled place where the Group of Seven painted landscapes that caught the imagination of Canadians and defined Canada during their era to others around the world.

The Cranberry Bog Trail is one of the five day hiking trails on the Day Hiking and Ski Trail Map. For those considering camping at the George Lake Camping Grounds, this is the map I would recommend as it focuses on the day hikes in the area and small enough to take on the trail. The larger Backcountry Hiking and Canoe Route Map is for Backpackers and Canoeists better suited for planning trips. There are also individual trail guides to the Cranberry and Granite Ridge Trails. These trail guides in conjunction with trail markers describe what you are seeing along the trail at various points of interest.

Because of the terrain none of the trails are considered "Easy" in the park, all are either classed moderate or difficult. The Bog trail being considered moderate on the map, but carries a warning in Day Hiking and Ski Trail Map:

"Rating: Moderate...The first half of the trail is much easier to traverse than the second portion, so if you would like to stay on flatter ground, consider doing it in linear fashion and turn around at, or before Sign #8...As you complete the loop, there are two steep climbs and one steep descent between A.Y. Jackson Lake and the trailhead."

Tessa and I completed the entire loop, and I found that the trail had a few more steep sections than the warning indicated. Bare in mind, I'm still recovering from a knee injury. The steepest descent is at the end, when you descend down to George Lake. Anyone with walking issues can turn around at the bog and retrace route back to the start. We didn't see Sign #8, but it somewhere near the point the trail leaves the bog to head to A.Y. Jackson Lake.



At Sign #10 heed the warning on the sign at the T intersection and turn left or you won't be getting home **before dark!**

In Out & About #39 I indicated the next time I come back I may do an overnight canoe trip. Still a possibility for the future, but booking early in a necessity. I booked our site on George Lake six months before at 7:00 am, the earliest possible moment, and found campsites were already booked according to the online site. Getting sites at Killarney is difficult, two of my crew wanted to backpack Killarney this year and were disappointed. They ended up doing the Wilderness Section of the Ganaraska Trail in Queen Elizbeth II Wildlands Provincial Park instead. If you haven't heard of the park, you are part of the majority, it isn't on 2018-2019 Official Road Map of Ontario.

It's the blank section of the map west of Moore's Falls. Note: the trail guide suggests only hiking this part of the Ganaraska Trail with someone who has already done the route.

A lot of hikers come to Killarney to hike the "Crack" which is definitely more strenuous then hiking Cranberry Bog. You will definitely earn the view. Maybe next time or just maybe it will remain one of those that got away on my bucket list.

Tessa and I kayaked in George Lake the following day in a tandem we rented for the day. Something neither one of had done. We both hope to come back and canoe some of the lakes in the future.

Certainly, you don't have to chose between hiking or canoeing/kayaking in Killarney. Pick up Kas Stone's book **Paddling & Hiking – Ontario's Southern Shield Country.** Kas has an interesting approach in her book that many don't consider. She combines both. Consider canoeing and portaging to trails you can't reach otherwise or want to do in a distinctly different way. Chapter 10 Killarney has a trip where you canoe George Lake, portage into Freeland Lake, then hike to the Crack, and return the same way. Her book also includes similar trips in: Frontenac, Algonquin, Bon Echo and 8 other parks. The copy of her book I have was Published by **the Boston Mills Press, 2005.**

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Photo Journal – Kayaking George Lake, Killarney Provincial Park

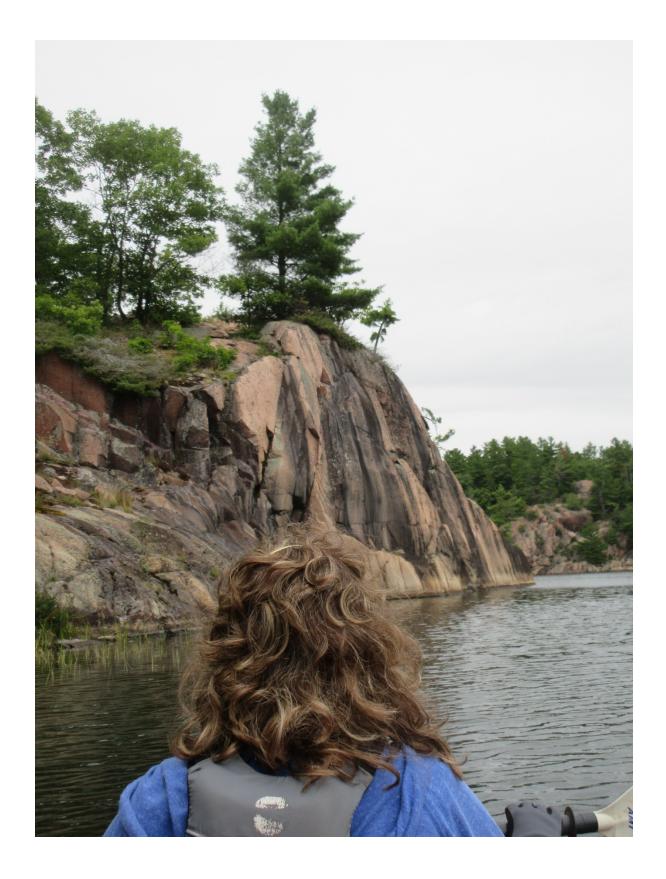


Photo by J. Kirby McCuaig, 6th Willowdale Rovers



Jamboree on the Trail and Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Our first concern is obviously the health and safety of Scouting members and their families.

We are monitoring the situation and we will change the date of our event to focus on when it is safe to do so.

The date can be pushed out to a later date (open ended depending on the needs of your Section, Group or Scouting organization) depending on the advice of Worldwide Scouting Organizations, the WHO and your local governments.

We have only had one rule for participation that you go for a hike, please participate in whatever way that you can whenever you can.

We will keep you informed.

Details will be posted at our website at jamboreeonthetrail.org - http://jamboreeonthetrail.org/

Yours in Scouting

David Wiebe – Hike Chief

See you on the trail.

Wilderness Rendezvous 2020 Hiking Challenge

The Wilderness Rendezvous Scout Camp is proud to introduce the Wilderness Rendezvous 2020 Hiking Challenge! Covid-19 may prevent us from camping in beautiful Cypress Hills this July, but it won't stop us from hiking, and we want you to join us! The objective of the challenge is to encourage everyone to get outside and get hiking. Check out the information below to get registered and get walking:

Who: The challenge is geared towards current registered members, particularly 3rd year Cubs, Scouts, Venturer, and Rover age youth however, we do not want anyone to be left out, even Beavers! Therefore, we want everyone to find and develop a love of Scouting so any person, any age, any family can sign up and join in the adventure. Grab your sneakers, grab your pet, grab your water and let us get walking!

What: Hike 25km in total but you must walk at least 2 km during a hike.

Where: Anywhere!! City, Regional, Provincial, or National Parks Hiking and Walking Trails. We want you to explore and experience new pathways but go wherever you can in a safe and fun environment. Please remember that it must be legally open- no trespassing! And please, remember to follow all health and safety guidelines in your local community. Be safe while you are having fun.

When: You must hike the 25km between July 1st and September 1st, 2020.

How to Participate: Register by sending \$5.00 per participant (to help offset the cost of the badge and postage) via e-transfer to: wildernessrendezvous.hike@scouts.ca.

Once paid and registered, keep a log of your travels. Include a few notes (if possible) about:

- Location and length of hike
- Map of hike
- Photos or sketches from the hike
- Weather
- Date, start and end time
- Include a few sentences about what was it like and what happened.

Once the challenge is completed, please send your hike log and any sketches, pictures or information you would like included to <u>wildernessrendezvous.hike@scouts.ca</u>. Follow us on Facebook at Wilderness Rendezvous Hiking Challenge and look for the hashtag #WRHike on Twitter and Instagram! Share your photos using that hashtag!

Once we receive your log, badges will be in the mail after the completion of the challenge (after Sept. 1st, 2020.)

What do you earn: Bragging rights! Health and Fitness! Quality Family Time! And best of all, a fabulous commemorative badge!

**Please note: We would like to post pictures of our adventures to our Wilderness Rendezvous social media sites. If you do not want these images to be used on our social media sites, please do not send them in. Any images sent in to the challenge may be published to our social media sites. **

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, send an email to: wildernessrendezvous.hike@scouts.ca

Be safe and strong! Happy hiking!





Due to the worldwide disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the 16th World Scout Moot will be postponed until the summer of 2022.

This difficult decision was made following a lengthy review and consultations between the Moot Planning Team, Scouting Ireland, WOSM, and other key stakeholders.

We want the 16th World Scout Moot to be a beacon of hope and understanding, of unity and solidarity for scouting across the globe. Let us use the World Scout Moot as a moment of revival and recovery. Let's do this Le Chéile.